

Comparison of E2SH 1214, ESSB 5904, and a Proposed Compromise

Regarding Prescription Drugs

Item	E2SHB 1214	ESSB 5904	Proposed Compromise
Prescription Drug Board	Creates a thirteen member board under the Health Care Authority. (sec. 3)	Not Addressed.	Senate
Board Duties	Adopt a preferred drug list through the establishment of a Pharmacy & Therapeutics committee. Membership of the P & T committee will be consistent with Medicaid requirements. (sec. 4)	Not Addressed.	Senate
	Establish drug utilization management policies.		Senate

	Develop education policies.		Senate
	Establish policies necessary to establish a drug purchasing consortium.		Senate
Prescription Drug Discount Purchasing	The HCA administrator will implement Board policies and establish a purchasing consortium. Mandatory participation by state agencies, voluntary for individuals and the private sector.	<p>The HCA will establish a prescription drug discount program. Discounts to participants will be comparable to preferred prices negotiated for state purchases.</p> <p>Participants must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Have income at or below 250% FPL; - Have no prescription drug coverage; <p>and</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Are at least 50 or disabled. 	<p>The HCA will establish an evidence-based prescription drug discount program. An independent Pharmacy and Therapeutics committee will evaluate the effectiveness of drugs included in the program.</p> <p>Discounts to participants will be comparable to preferred prices negotiated for state purchases.</p> <p>Participants must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Have income at or below 300% FPL; - Attest to their Income Level - Have no prescription drug coverage; <p>and</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Are at least 50 or disabled.

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Preferred Drug List	Created, under the authority of the Board.	Not Addressed.	Evidence-based prescription drug program is established.
Pharmacist Authority to Substitute	Pharmacists are authorized to substitute a preferred drug for a nonpreferred drug unless the prescriber indicates it should be dispensed as written, or it is a refill for specific indicated drugs.	Not Addressed.	House
Therapeutic Consultation Service	Continues intensive benefits management and academic detailing activities, eliminates other components of TCS on July 1, 2004. (sec. 12)	Not Addressed.	Senate

Medicaid Waiver for Prescription Drug Benefit	DSHS will seek a federal waiver to establish a prescription drug assistance program for disabled Medicare beneficiaries and seniors over 65 who lack prescription drug coverage and have income below 200% of the FPL.	Institute for Public Policy will report to the Legislature on Nov. 13, 2003 on estimated costs of a potential Medicaid waiver Pharmacy Plus program.	House
Prescription Drug ClearingHouse	The HCA will establish a senior prescription drug information clearinghouse.	The HCA will establish a pharmacy connection program to inform the public and prescribers of the existence of manufacturers drug assistance programs.	Senate
AAA Medication Information	Not Addressed.	Each Area Agency on Aging will receive up to \$25,000 to establish programs to inform and train persons over 65 in the safe and appropriate use of medications.	Senate